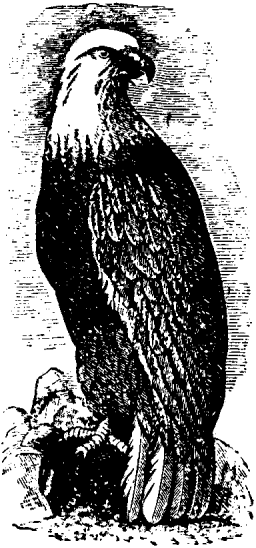


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The Fantasy Machine

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There are "laws" (observations, actually) that describe the way things behave in the physical world. The First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics deal with the facts that we can't get more energy out of a process than we put into it and that, in practice, we can't get that much.

A car is an example. We put energy into it in the form of fuel and get energy out of it in the form of speed. When we compare, in equivalent units, the energy inherent in the speed and the energy inherent in the fuel, we find that there is less energy in the speed than in the fuel. We can attribute the "loss" of energy to such things as mechanical friction and air turbulence. Part of the energy of our fuel is consumed by those things. We accept those losses because the smaller amount of energy inherent in the speed of the car is actually more useful to us than the larger amount of energy inherent in the fuel.

These laws also explain why a perpetual motion machine cannot work. For example, if we use a motor to turn a generator, then we can't expect the generator, by itself, to produce enough energy to run the motor. The best that we can ideally hope for is to break even. If we consider friction losses and inefficiencies inherent in the system, then we will come out behind. To get out as much energy as we originally put in, additional energy must be added from some other source.

I propose that there are also "laws" (observations again) that describe the way things behave in the economic world. The First and Second Laws of Economics (as I shall call them) deal with the facts that we can't get more value out of a transaction than we put into it and that, in practice, we can't get that much.

A purchase at the grocery store is an example. We put value into the transaction in the form of money and get value out of it in the form

of groceries. If we could compare, in equivalent units, the value inherent in the groceries and the value inherent in the money, we would find that there is less value in the groceries than in the money. We can attribute the "loss" of value to such things as the costs of lights in the store and salaries of the people who work there. Part of the value of our money is consumed by those things. We accept those losses because the smaller amount of value inherent in the groceries is actually more useful to us than the larger amount of value inherent in the money.

These laws also explain why interest-bearing investments cannot work. For example, if we add value to an account in the form of money, then we can't expect the account, by itself, to produce more value in money than we put into it. The best that we can ideally hope for is to break even. If we consider paying the costs of lights in the bank and the salaries of the people who work there, then we will come out behind. To get out as much value as we originally put in, additional value must be added from some other source.

These principles are obviously immutable in the world of physics. Over the long term, and on average, they're also immutable in the world of economics, but it isn't so obvious. The reason is that in physics, the amount of energy per unit of measure is constant from time to time and place to place. A joule is always the same amount of energy. In economics, the amount of value per unit of measure isn't constant. The value of a dollar keeps changing. We invest some dollars into an account and get a greater number of dollars back. We think we have received more value. We haven't, because the value of the dollars decreased. In the long run, we can't get more value from interest bearing transactions than we put into them. When we try to do so, we're trying to run an economic perpetual motion machine, a fantasy machine. The only way to get more value is to work, and create real value.

Proclamation — The “Drug” War is Far Worse Than Just 90 Years of Lies, Propaganda, and Absurdity!

Kemp Woods

It has mass produced crime, criminals, violence and ruination ever since politicians and “special” interests outlawed our God-given rights to botanical plants and their extracts some 90 years ago. Look it up: There were very few “drug” problems before 1904, the year they took cocaine out of Coca-Cola. Opium, coca, cannabis and their delightful extracts were all legal. **Now** all we can get for legal relief is alcohol, tobacco, and the worst man-made drugs. As further insult, **WE** pay a fortune to doctors and pharmaceutical companies for Prozac, Valium, Librium, Darvon, Vivarin, and other crappy synthetic pills. **Or** we can go illegal, trying to enjoy and use Nature’s cornucopia of herbs and spices, immediately becoming criminals and subject to jail, loss of rights, liberty and property in our attempts to find unadulterated “drugs” on the mean streets of a black market, at the same time trying to avoid being burnt, robbed, or busted; and hoping we’ll have a dollar left for a lousy beer. And all the while we unwittingly propagate and enrich fat lawyers, a misdirected and corrupted police force, an overburdened judicial system, a burgeoning prison population, countless government “drug” agencies, and countless rehab “counselors” and “treatment” centers. And consider the half a TRILLION dollars (world-wide) that this tax-sucking whore of a futile war demands each year!¹ Oh, not to mention the millions of “drug” abusers now stealing, killing, and feuding over “drugs” that wouldn’t have motivated the most dedicated thug to even yawn in public back in 1904. Again, for the ignorant who refuse to appreciate history -- botanical “drugs” were legal, useful, and respectable back then! And try getting a job after you’ve been busted for “heinous drug crimes” and sent to a College of Higher Criminality (i.e. prison). Might as well be an outlaw!

Folks, there’s no comparison between the mellow times when “drugs” were legal (yes! Pre-1900’s) and the insanity thereafter. The cowardly, ratings-ravenous media NEVER mentions this amazing comparison. They blindly

¹ I’d hesitate to use *whore* to describe the drug war. It seems unnecessarily insulting to the lovely ladies of the evening.
—editor

and rabidly witch-hunt “drugs” and “crime,” while the “drug” war, the population explosion (the media still glorifies human breeding!), and the desecration of the planet are raging on. And yet, these simpleton fascist “Drug” Warriors want to blame it all on “drugs!” Has anyone thought about the civil liberties we’ve lost for this Un-Holy “Drug” War? The Nazis would be green with envy over the propaganda tactics alone! Think about it the next time you’re pissing in a cup.

Another Point: Almost all psychoactive “drug” plants are currently illegal world-wide, and most medicinal plants! Even the omniversal hemp plant is outlawed and demonized. Drug warring morons would have these magnificent plants and herbs become extinct -- and anyone interested in them dead, ruined and/or in jail (for their “own good” or “because of drugs!”). Then they’d pop a Prozac, light a cigar, gulp down a Bud Lite, piss in a cup, wipe their asses with our Constitution, and say, “See? -- We finally won our “Holy Drug War! Our children are saved!” (while they die huffing butane!).

WHO IS TO BLAME?: Let’s start with the news media. These worn-out word hacks have been whipping up frenzied “anti-drug” hysteria since the early 1900’s. William Randolph Hearst’s yellow journalism squawked about “cocaine-crazed Negroes raping white women!” and “marijuana-smoking machete-wielding Mexicans”. Because of the subsequent anti-drug and “sin laws” passed, we can thank these pious fabricators for giving birth to the infamous Tong organization, and today’s bloody gang warfare. Has everyone forgotten how the Chicago boot-legging war and its drive-by shootings suddenly disappeared after the repeal of Prohibition? They don’t teach you the history of the “drug” war in DARE propaganda classes nor on television! Nor do they mention the racist character of this absolutely hypocritical, senseless, and needless “war.”

We challenge everyone to try this fun little test: The next time you hear, see, speak, or think of “drug”-related crime or violence, try SUBSTITUTING “drug-LAW” related crime, instead of the usual sound-bite “drug”-related crime. Then think about it for a minute. You’ll be amazed how much more correct it is. Now you know why we call ’em “media morons.” ∞

Drug War Suggestion

Sam Aurelius Milam III

Here's an idea. Buy about a ton of marijuana seeds, rent a light plane, and fly all over town sowing seed. Get the river banks, people's back yards, the courthouse lawn, churches, everywhere.

When the seeds begin to germinate, people are sure to notice. The cops will go crazy trying to guard it all to keep people from harvesting it. Maybe they'll be so busy trying to guard and destroy the crop that they won't have time to (oh, for example) murder frightened young black women stranded in cars at night, calling for help, who just happen to be armed. ☞

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sam

To condemn interest, as the early Christians did, is fine. People should loan without thought of gain, for pure love, because people have a need. Sure. Usury became a sin for Christians. Jews became the bankers of the Christian world. Socialists & fascists say: if there must be usury, let the government do it. That way the people may benefit from the profits — of course the people must demand that their government actually serve them — this goes for all governments — capitalist, socialist, or fascist. Without banks & loans & interest, too many people starve to death. Because they can't rely on Christian charity. That's the reality that causes practical philosophers to advocate government banks over private banks or no banks.

I agree with what you say about the UN & the US vis à vis human rights. World opinion must be mobilized against what the US & UN are doing to Iraq, on the one hand, & against what the Serbs, Israelis, & Tutsi are doing against people in the Balkans, the Arab world, & central Africa, on the other. It's a question of justice, & the ability to distinguish between real human rights & current shams. Personal ethics are fine, but insufficient; political movement is necessary as well.

Sincerely, —Elliot; N. Merrick, New York

1. Interest doesn't create profits. It creates inflation. It doesn't prevent starvation, either.

2. Capitalism, socialism, and fascism are not forms of government. They are forms economies. Democracy, oligarchy, and dictatorship are forms of government. However, these forms are merely different ways of organizing the structure of the

Sad But True

compiled by Jeffrey Trunzer from actual news reports

Pleasanton, California — Neil and Pat Nelson are seeing red over the City Council's threat to deny them permission to move into their new custom home because the exterior paint is a shade or two lighter than the city wants.

Burley, Idaho — Alcohol Beverage Control officers confiscated Super Bowl boards and all betting money accrued after routine inspection of some Magic Valley bars. ABC Chief John Gould said "Football pools are gambling in the purest sense of the word. They're illegal, so if we find them, we take them."

[Note: Idaho has a State Lottery.] ∞

government and have little to do with its behavior. In terms of behavior, there are only two kinds of government: despotism and social contract. Regardless of its form, a government can be a despotism or a social contract government, depending upon its behavior. The U.S. government, for example, is an oligarchy of democratically elected oligarchs (form) and a despotism (behavior).
—editor

Dear Sam

I hope this [contribution] helps a little. I do look forward to receiving "the Frontiersman." It's always thought provoking!

Best Wishes —Alan; San Jose, California

Sam

Keep up the good work.

I would be happy to get the Frontiersman on line if you set up a subscription service.

—Bob; Murphys, California

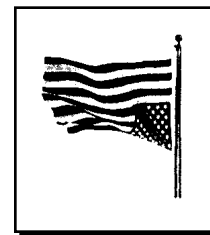
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Dear Sam

Got your note & I want to help. As you know, the world is in trouble financially I mean, and then if this Millennium Bug closes banks, it will really come to an end. So I am trying to make all my donations while it is still open. If it is still in operation — say July 4, remind me, & I'll try to help again....

Stock up on what you can. If the computers quit working, so do planes & trains. And no bank on Jan. 1, 2000! Ugh!

Happy New Year! —Shirley; Urbana, Illinois



Nation in Distress

Decriminalize All Recreational Experiences.

D.A.R.E.

— to resist drug testing!

Some Interesting Quotations

Provided by Sir John the Generous

I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.

—James Madison

A really efficient totalitarian state would be one in which the all-powerful executive of political bosses and their army of managers control a population of slaves who do not have to be coerced, because they love their servitude. To make them love it is the task assigned, in present-day totalitarian states, to ministries of propaganda, newspaper editors and school teachers.

—Aldous Huxley

Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

Do you think the banks are going to collapse in the year 2000?

—Worried

Dear Worried

No problem. As long as we have rivers, we'll have banks.

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